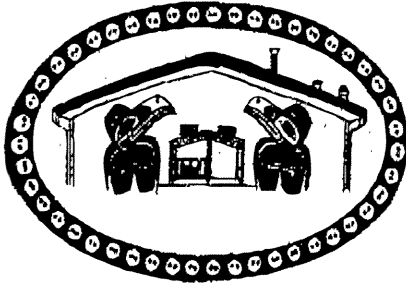


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State of Alaska
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
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RE: S.E. Region 2006-2009 STIP Draft Amendment Comments

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and I share the following comments.

I would like to see the Port Saint Nicholas Road Project put into the 2006-09 STIP Amendment 17, with the identification that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities contribute \$ 3 Million in general funds and \$ 3 Million from the SAFETEA-LU EARMARK 1702 High Priority Earmark Number 3687. This would be in addition to the funds that BIA has identified for the project. This was the original intent of the Craig Community Association in going after earmarks for this project.

I would like to see the Craig-Klawock-Hollis Highway put into the 2006-09 Amendment 17, for re-engineering and re-surfacing hot asphalt. This roadway has very poor engineering and is extremely unsafe. The roadway from Klawock- Hollis has approximately 50 perched or damaged culverts, which were installed improper to begin with and the damaged pipes are from corrosion or smashed inlets or outlets.

I would like to see a pedestrian-bike path included in the 2006-09 Amendment 17, from the Craig High School to Klawock traversing on the eastern side of the Craig-Klawock Highway. From Klawock, traversing along the Klawock-Hollis Highway on the north side of the roadway to the Prince of Wales Hatchery.

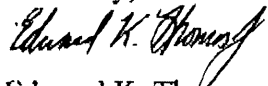
I would like to see the Hydaburg Access Road included in the 2006-09 Amendment 17, from the cut-off at the Klawock-Hollis Highway 0+00 traversing to Hydaburg. This roadway is very narrow in natural with some very sharp curves on a narrow roadway. The horizontal and vertical alignment of this roadway needs attention to make this road safe for the Public.

I would like to see the Kasaan Access Road included within the 2006-09 Amendment 17, from FH42 traversing East-Southeast to Kasaan approximately 17.2 miles. This road is very primitive in nature with an earth-gravel surface. I would like to see this road upgraded to a 35-50 MPH design standard.

I would like to see the Gravina Access Bridge included within the 2006-09 Amendment 17. This bridge is critical for economic development for the greater Ketchikan area. The greater Ketchikan is land locked by private ownership and Gravina Island would be an alternative area for growth for Ketchikan?

I have no other comments. Should you have any questions in regards to my comments feel free to contact me at (907)826-3998 or 401-0864?

Sincerely,



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